

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 9-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 5 are amended, claims 4 and 8 are canceled, and claims 9-14 are added. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found, for example, in the specification and claims as originally filed. Paragraph [0005] of the specification is amended to eliminate typographical errors. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 4 and 8 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, the subject matter of claims 4 and 8 are incorporated into claims 1 and 5, respectively, and claims 4 and 8 are canceled. Claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 variously depend from claims 1 and 5 and, thus, require all of the limitations of amended claims 1 and 5. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections over the applied references are moot, and allowance of claims 1-3 and 5-7 is respectfully requested.

II. New Claims

By this Amendment, new claims 9-14 are presented. The new claims are supported, for example, by the specification at paragraphs [0011], [0012], and [0019]-[0033]. New claims 9 and 10 depend from amended claim 1 and, thus, include the allowable subject matter of claim 4. New claims 11-14 are directed to metal salts of the phosphorus compound of formula (I) recited in claim 1, with the additional limitations recited in canceled claim 4. Prompt examination and allowance of new claims 9-14 are respectfully requested.

III. Objection To The Specification

The Office Action objects to the specification because a separate section of "detailed description of the drawings" is missing from the specification. Applicants respectfully traverse the objection.

A "Detailed Description of the Drawings" is not a requirement of the disclosure. However, the specification, beginning on page 2, contains a section with the heading "Disclosure of Invention." The disclosure also includes a "Brief Description of the Drawings." See Specification, paragraph [0034]. Paragraph [0034] is the only place where Figures 1 and 2 are described. Because Figures 1 and 2 represent data from the examples in the form of graphs, and not drawings of various embodiments of the invention, the logical location for their description is directly after the examples.

There is no requirement for particular headings, nor is there a requirement that the headings with their accompanying sections be ordered in a specific way. For the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that the ordering of the various sections of the specification follows a logical order, and there is no need for the headings to be amended or that the sections be reordered. Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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